

Attorney
Docket No.: PPS-002XX

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

FOLDED-SEAM CONNECTION, METHOD OF PRODUCING IT AND DEVICE

The specification of which (check one):

☐ is attached hereto. ☐ was filed on 6/13/03 as Application No. 10/450,500,
amended on _____ (if applicable).

☒ was filed as PCT International. Appl. No. PCT/IB00/01876 on 15 December 2000,
and was amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, USC §119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

<u>Prior Foreign Application(s)</u>		<u>Date Filed</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>	
<u>(Number)</u>	<u>(Country)</u>	<u>(Day/Month/Year)</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<u>(Number)</u>	<u>(Country)</u>	<u>(Day/Month/Year)</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<u>(Number)</u>	<u>(Country)</u>	<u>(Day/Month/Year)</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, USC §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>(Application Number)</u>	<u>(Filing Date)</u>
<u>(Application Number)</u>	<u>(Filing Date)</u>
<u>(Application Number)</u>	<u>(Filing Date)</u>

Express Mail Number

EV 044748106 US

Attorney
Docket No.: PPS-002XX

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35 USC §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35 USC §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application No.) (Filing Date) (Patented/pending/abandoned)

(Application No.) (Filing Date) (Patented/pending/abandoned)

(Application No.) (Filing Date) (Patented/pending/abandoned)

POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business connected therewith in the Patent and Trademark Office, and to file with the USRO any International Application based thereon.


Stanley M. Schurgin, Reg. No. 20,979
Charles L. Gagnebin III, Reg. No. 25,467
Victor B. Lebovici, Reg. No. 30,864
Beverly E. Hjorth, Reg. No. 32,033

Holliday C. Heine, Reg. No. 34,346
Gordon R. Moriarty, Reg. No. 38,973
James F. Thompson, Reg. No. 36,699
David A. Dagg, Reg. No. 37,809

Address all correspondence to:
Customer Number: 207

WEINGARTEN, SCHURGIN, GAGNEBIN & LBOVICI LLP
Ten Post Office Square
Boston, Massachusetts 02109
Telephone: (617) 542-2290
Telecopier: (617) 451-0313

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full Name of First/Sole Inventor: Rudolf Binggeli		
City of Residence Wohlen	State or Country Switzerland	Country of Citizenship Switzerland
Post Office Address Alte Villmergerstrasse 2	City CH-5610 Wohlen	State or Country Zip Code SWITZERLAND
Signature: (Please sign and date in permanent ink.) X 		Date signed: X 03.07.2003

Rev 05/03

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Patent and Trademark OfficeRECORDATION FORM COVER SHEET
PATENTS ONLY

To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies)

Rudolf Binggeli

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies)
attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: SPIRO SA

Street Address: Industriestrasse 173

City: CH-3178 Boesingen

Country: SWITZERLAND

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? ☐ Yes
☒ No

3. Nature of conveyance:

☒ Assignment ☐ Merger☐ Security Agreement ☐ Change of
Name☒ Other - Confirmation of Address
Change of SPIRO SA dated 6/25/2003

Execution Date of Assignment: July 3, 2003

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is:

A. Patent Application No.(s) 10/450,500 filed (deposit date) June 13, 2003

Additional numbers attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No5. Name and address of party to whom
correspondence concerning document should
be mailed:Weingarten, Schurgin,
Gagnebin & Lebovici LLP
Ten Post Office Square
Boston, Massachusetts 02109

6. Total number of applications and patents

Involved [1]

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41)....\$ 40.00

☒ Enclosed☐ Authorized to be charged to deposit account

8. Deposit account number:

(Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by
deposit account)

DO NOT USE THIS SPACE

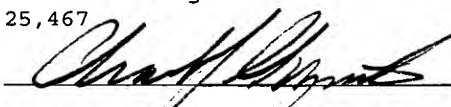
9. Statement and signature.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any
attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Attorney Name: Charles L. Gagnebin III

Registration No. 25,467

Signature:



Date:

7-17-03

Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and document: [4]

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I Rudolf BINGGELI citizen of Switzerland, residing at Alte Villmergerstrasse 2, CH-5610 Wohlen in Switzerland respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a **Folded-seam connection, method of producing it and device**, for which I filed a PCT-application (PCT/IB00/01876) designating the United States of America for US-Letters Patent and

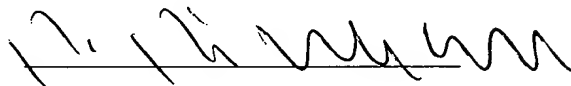
WHEREAS, SPIRO S.A., Chemin de Primvères 45, CH-1701 Fribourg in Switzerland, ("Assignee") a corporation organized under the laws of Switzerland, is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements and the said application.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said Rudolf BINGGELI have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

I HEREBY further covenant and agree that I will communicate to the said corporation, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to me respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to said corporation, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hands and seals.

Dated:03.07.2003.....

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. BINGGELI', written over a horizontal line.

Rudolf BINGGELI